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Re: Isolation Barrier Alternatives Assessment Report
West Lake Landfill Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Merrigan:

Please find enclosed the Isolation Barrier Alternatives Assessment Report for the West Lake Landfill Site (August 25, 2014) (Report) prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requested USACE to prepare this report in support of our efforts to further evaluate the proposed design and construction of an Isolation Barrier at the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. As detailed in this report, USACE has performed an analysis of various assessment factors, as well as identification and comparison of advantages and disadvantages related to the three proposed alignments.

As previously identified by various interested parties, evaluation of potential bird strike hazards to aircraft utilizing the Lambert Airport is important to consider as the EPA takes steps towards reaching a final decision regarding the construction of the Isolation Barrier. To that end, the EPA requests that the Responsible Parties use the Report as a basis to further develop more detailed plans for the Isolation Barrier, specifically including bird mitigation plans, for each of the three proposed alignment alternatives. The EPA understands that it may be necessary for the parties to develop a design for each alignment in order to prepare this deliverable. The EPA requests that this plan be submitted to the EPA within 45 calendar days of the date of this letter. To meet this deadline, we propose a conference call during the week of September 8, 2014, to discuss the technical scope of this effort. Please contact me, or David Hoefer at 913-551-7503, to confirm dates that you are available for a conference call.

The EPA appreciates your prompt attention to this request. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call me at 913-551-7826 or contact me via email at stoy.alyse@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Alyse Stoy
Deputy Regional Counsel for Enforcement



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